immediate action and find out the culprit and restore our properties? ' It is very difficult to investigate such cases and detect culprits. They have first to start on suspicion. The police interrogate the suspected people so that they may know something more about the case. If they are clever, they get a clue. In some cases, a slight slap on the cheek is given to know the facts. In such cases, some people get frightened. Just as in this case, the boy gets frightened and dies and questions are asked here.''

SRI S. VEMIAH :—'' Sir, I take objection to the statement made by the Hon. Chief Minister that hon. Members have more experience in thefts. I would request the Chair to ask him to withdraw that statement.''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' I think something is wrong with the hon. Member in having presumed many things. There was no necessity whatsoever to misunderstand my statement unless indeed one's conscience is guilty.'' (Laughter.)

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' May I know whether any compensation or solatium will be paid to the dependants of the deceased person in view of the fact that his death took place under Government auspices? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' After the distribution of the assets and liabilities, we will consider it, Sir.'' (Laughter.)

Use of pump-sets in Pugalur channel, Karur taluk.

* 1147 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Government Order has been issued regarding the use of pump-sets by some landlords for taking water from Pugalur channel, Karur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) if so, what are the instructions contained in the Government Order;

(*c*) whether those instructions have been implemented by the concerned district authorities; and

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in case they have not been implemented?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' (*a*) Yes.

'' (*b*) (1) To remove all unauthorised pumpsets or at least to prevent them from functioning.

(2) To cancel permits for the pumpsets functioning and to put up earthen bunds across the offtake channels leading to the pumpsets from the Pugalur channel, to prevent water from reaching the pumping installations.

(3) Permits should not be renewed in cases where they were issued under the Grow More Food Campaign after 1943–44.

(4) Permits may, however, be renewed in individual cases in respect of small areas of genuine old cases and old picottah baling wet lands for which permits for mechanical pumping had been previously given (i.e., prior to 1943–44) the areas being limited to old baling wet lands, but subject to stiff safeguards. In the case of baling permits purely by picottahs, renewals will be confined strictly to old cases on an area of about 83 acres.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The orders could not be implemented immediately on account of certain practical difficulties in giving effect to the orders and effectively preventing the pumpsets from functioning. The Government have since issued suitable instructions to the Collector in the matter."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The long reply read out by the Hon. Minister looks very reasonable. But my complaint is 9 a.m. it is more than eight months since the said instructions were issued by the Government. The local authorities are deliberately helping the few landlords. May I know what action the Government propose to take against the officers for the delay in implementing their instructions? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Government considered all these cases afresh and issued instructions on 12th May 1953. What has been done by the Collector is this. The Collector has reported that twelve pump-sets were effectively prevented from functioning by taking action under the provisions of the Land Encroachment Act. In respect of another twelve cases, for which the period of permission for pumping had expired, notices were served by the Collector on the parties concerned stating that the permits would not be renewed for fasli 1363 and thereafter and that criminal proceedings would be taken against them for taking water unauthorizedly. Necessary action is being taken by the Collector to cancel the permits in the remaining five cases."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Even after hearing the reply that the Government have issued instructions subsequently—that is, as early as in May—we still hear that the instructions have not been carried out, though we are in July now. Will the Government issue telegraphic instructions to the Collector to implement the instructions straightaway? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Telegraphic instructions would not advance the case."

* 1148 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" I request a half-hour debate on this important question. You did not allow an adjournment motion on this."